

Service Date May 11, 1992

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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| IN THE MATTER of the Application |) | UTILITY DIVISION |
| of CONSUMERS GAS COMPANY for |) | |
| Authority to Increase Rates and |) | DOCKET NO. 90.10.68 |
| Charges for Natural Gas Service. |) | |
| <hr/> | | ORDER NO. 5511b |

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET NO. 90.10.68

FINDINGS

1. On October 16, 1990, Consumers Gas Company (Applicant, CG, or Company) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking authority to increase rates for natural gas service. CG filed the application to recover higher purchased gas costs from Treasure State Pipe Line Company (TSP). The amount of the increase from TSP was \$.94 per Mcf.

2. On November 13, 1990, the Commission received a letter from Gregory B. Holt, President of CG, requesting that the rate increases for TSP and CG be stayed pending evaluation as to improvements in gas deliveries from J. R. Bacon Drilling.

3. On December 11, 1990, CG filed an amended application in Docket No. 90.10.68 requesting an increase of \$.25 per Mcf to reflect higher purchased gas costs from TSP.

4. On December 17, 1990, the Commission issued Interim Order No. 5511 which granted CG an increase of \$.22 per Mcf, resulting in a new rate of \$8.86 per Mcf.

5. On November 4, 1991, the Commission received a letter from Applicant which requested an increase of \$.55 per Mcf to reflect higher purchased gas costs from TSP.

6. On November 4, 1991, the Commission issued Interim Order No. 5511a granting CG an increase of \$.55 per Mcf, which resulted in a new rate of \$9.34 per Mcf.

7. On April 13, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 5616

in Docket No. 92.1.3 which approved the transfer of the assets of CG and TSP to the Town of Sunburst. The Commission finds that as a result of the issuance of Order No. 5616, all matters in Docket No. 90.10.68 are now moot.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over public utilities providing natural gas service, pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, Montana Code Annotated.

2.Upon transfer of its public utility assets to the Town of Sunburst, Consumers Gas Company is no longer a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission for providing natural gas service in the Sunburst/Sweetgrass area.

ORDER

1.Wherefore, the Montana Public Service Commission issues this Order closing this Docket as moot.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, on the 11th day of May, 1992, by a vote of 4-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DANNY OBERG, Chairman

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

TED C. MACY, Commissioner

Attest

Ann Peck
Commission Secretary
(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.